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SUBJECT: GENERAL—Operational

SPECIES—Johann SANITZER

REF: ECLA-2406, 16 February 1953

3. About a week ago one of the FOB CE base officers asked me about knowing anything about W-21 683's statement in reference that SANITZER is currently in touch with his family in Vienna. I told him that I could not answer his question at that time but that a man would be in Vienna within a week (7-3597) who might be able to throw more light on the matter. This date I met (7-3597) at the air strip and drove him to my apartment where I invited him to stay for the night. Enroute to the apartment I seized the opportunity to ask him if he knew anything about SANITZER's alleged contact with his family. He informed me that this was another example of ZIPPER Headquarters not informing FOB of the latest developments in the case. (I do not know if FOB is up on the following, but I gave 7-3597 the impression that I was trying to follow up only lead with the American element in Vienna and that I certainly was not up on the latest developments), because BSN had determined since 7-21 683's return that SANITZER was in touch with his family. (7-3597) when he called the following morning when it was determined that SANITZER was not in touch with his family, he told me to go in Vienna to check out all possibilities on persons who met SANITZER all in the past and all possibilities of those who might be maintaining contact with him. Of all the names submitted to him next day, with there were only about three or four, no he believed right to in contact with him at this time. Of these three or four only one seemed to be worth trying to exploit. This was one AMAL (phonetic spelling) who was formerly a member of the Red Police Corps. His duties were probably connected or dealing people for Red related jobs. AMAL was discharged from 1945 until 1950 because of his Red activities. Since his release he has not been doing so well and is in need of cash. (7-3597) decided to send AMAL (phonetic spelling) AMAL mentioned in reference to see him and learn only about the ZIPPER's private business. AMAL was to say that he was to see AMAL and he was desirous of establishing contacts in the past. AMAL told him out. AMAL allegedly said back in Vienna and that he would offer to check into the matter. (7-3597) Jones AMAL will

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SANITZER as a possible East Zone contact. If he does, MAHEL, who according to V-3597 was SANITZER's handling agent during the war, would try to arrange a meeting between himself and SANITZER in Berlin or some other East Zone city. MAHEL has not yet received the word from KAMBA but expects it within the next few days. *What?!*

2. I have informed the interested VOB case officer about this conversation. He was quite surprised and very interested because none of the names mentioned seemed to check with those he has, and the entire angle was new to him. Is it also new to POB?

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